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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND METHODS FOR DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING HEALTH INFORMATION

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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	VANEL FRENEL	3687	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *9/12/08 and Examiner's Amendment*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *175-186 and 199-208*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 20080912
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Matthew S Gart/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3687

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

The following statement of reasons for allowance is in response to a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission IDS filed on 9/12/08 has been entered.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 204 line 1, "the system of claim 202" is replaced to --the method of claim 202 --. Appropriate correction is required.

Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1-174. (Canceled).

175. (Currently amended) A method of providing a plurality of participants with an ability to effect choices about future care of said participants, said method comprising;

receiving from an input user, via an interactive user interface accessible through an interact connection, raw data relevant to the future care of a participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated;

providing via said interface guidance information comprising at least one input form, said at least one input form comprising electives available to said participant regarding said future care, and reference information associated with said available electives;

analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made;

receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives;

providing said input user an identification instrument comprising a unique identification parameter corresponding to said participant;

storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information and said unique identification parameter in a form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life .information comprising said received raw data and said at least one election;

receiving a request from an output user identifying an occurrence of an incapacitated state in said participant;

verifying that said request includes said unique identification parameter;

if so, generating an information product derivative of said information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state, said information

product being generated in a form that is enforceable in a jurisdiction from which said request was received; and

communicating said information product to an output recipient.

176. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said analysis information is selected from the group consisting off a. a measurement of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care; b. a prediction of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care; c. a comparison of alternative choices regarding said participant's care; and d. interaction of drugs identified by participant in said end-of-life information.

177. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said first providing step further comprises providing a second input form to said user for subsequent submission.

178. (Currently amended) The [[system]] method of claim 177, wherein said second input form is selected from a group consisting of an executable document and an election form.

179. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from a group consisting of:

a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;

b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;

c. a designation of at least one medication;

d. a designation of at least one allergy;

e. a designation of at least one health condition;

f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency;

g. a designation of at least one physician;

h. emergency health information;

i. an end-of-life choice;

j. an advance directive;

k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;

l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;

m. an authorization to donate an organ;

n. output recipient information;

o. enforcement information;

p. medical information; and

q. a portion of an item selected from the group a through p, above.

180. (Currently amended) The [[system]] method of claim 179, wherein[[,]] when said end- of-life information is an end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

a. a palliative care choice;

b. a comfort care choice;

c. a residence choice;

d. a religious choice; and

e. a spiritual choice.

181. (Currently amended) The [[system]] method of claim 179 wherein[[,]] when said end- of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

a. a living will;

b. a medical power of attorney;

c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;

d. a selection of medical treatment; and

e. a refusal of medical treatment.

182. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said guidance information comprises:

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

183. (Previously presented) The method of claim 175, wherein said information product is selected from a group consisting of:

a. an authorization to rely on a copy of an original document;

b. an authorization to rely on a summary of an original document;

c. a designation of at least one medication;

d. a designation of at least one allergy;

e. a designation of at least one health condition;

f. a designation of at least one person to be contacted in case of emergency.

g. a designation of at least one physician;

h. emergency health information;

i. an end-of-life choice;

j. an advance directive;

k. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;

l. a document signed by a physician concerning medical care associated with an end-of-life condition;

m. an authorization to donate an organ;

n. output recipient information;

o. enforcement information;

p. medical information;

q. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through p, above;

r. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a

through q, above; and

s. a report concerning said end-of-life information.) The method of claim 175, wherein said information set comprises said end-of-life information stored in a standardized form.

185. (Previously presented) The method of claim 184, wherein said generating step comprises translating said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

186. (Previously presented) The method of claim 184, wherein said generating step comprises generating an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said participant resides.

187-198. (Cancelled)

199. (Currently amended) A method of providing a participant with an ability to effect choices about future care of said participant should said participant prior to death become incapacitated, said method comprising:

providing via an interactive user interface accessible through an internet connection guidance information comprising at least one input form, said at least one input form comprising electives available to said participant regarding said future care, and reference information associated with said available electives;

analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made;

receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives;

storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information in a form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life information comprising said at least one election;

upon receiving a request from an output user identifying an occurrence of an incapacitated state in said participant, generating an information product derivative of said information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state; and

communicating said information product to an output recipient.

200. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said analysis information is selected from a group consisting of:

a. a measurement of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;

b. a prediction of an outcome for at least one of said participant's choices regarding care;

c. a comparison of alternative choices regarding said participant's care; and

d. interaction of drugs identified by participant in said end-of-life information.

201. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, further comprising providing a second input form to said user for subsequent submission, wherein said input form is selected from the group consisting of an executable document and art election form.

202. (Currently amended) The method of claim 199, wherein said end-of-life information is selected from the group consisting of:

a. an end-of-life choice;

b. an advance directive;

c. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order; and

d. an authorization to donate art organ[[;]].

203. (Currently amended) The [[system]] method of claim 202, wherein[[,]] when said end- of-life information is art end-of-life choice, said end-of-life choice is a choice selected from the group consisting of:

a. a palliative care choice;

b. a comfort care choice;

c. a residence choice;

d. a religious choice; and

e. a spiritual choice.

204. (Currently amended) The system of claim 202 wherein[[,]] when said end-of-life information is an advance directive, said advance directive is an advance directive selected from the group consisting of:

a. a living will;

b. a medical power of attorney,

c. a selection of an end-of-life condition response;

d. a selection of medical treatment; and

e. a refusal of medical treatment.

205. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said guidance information comprises:

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition; and

a designation of at least one end-of-life condition response, wherein said input user can choose at least one of said at least one end-of-life response for response to at least one of said at least one end-of-life condition.

206. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said information product is selected from a group consisting of:

a. an end-of-life choice;

b. an advance directive;

c. a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order;

d. an authorization to donate an organ;

e. a summary of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through d, above;

f. a copy of an information product selected from the group consisting of a through e, above; and

g. a report concerning said end-of-life information.

207. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said generating step comprises translating said information set into an information product in a language other than that native to said input user.

208. (Previously presented) The method of claim 199, wherein said generating step comprises generating an information product legally enforceable in a jurisdiction other than that in which said participant resides.

Notice to Applicant

This communication is in response to the RCE filed on 9/12/08. Claims 1-74, 187-198 have been cancelled. Claims 175, 178, 180-181, 199 and 202-204 have been amended. Claims 175-186 and 199-208 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 175-186 and 199- 208 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and in light of Applicant's arguments.

Independent claims 175 and 199 are directed to "analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made; receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives; providing said input user an identification instrument comprising a unique identification parameter corresponding to said participant; storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information and said unique identification parameter in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life information comprising said received raw data and said at least one election; receiving a request from an output user identifying the occurrence of an anticipated state in said participant; verifying that said request includes said unique identification parameter; if so, generating an information product derivative of said information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state, said information product being generated in a form that is enforceable in the jurisdiction from which said request was received; and communicating said information product to an output recipient".

The closest prior art of record, Perry et al. (5,241,466) discloses system for administering a central depository for living wills and other associated information.

Mindrum (6,340,978) discloses method and apparatus for recording and presenting life stories.

Krim (2002/0072925) discloses posthumus communication. However, none of the cited prior fairly teaches/suggests “analyzing said available electives in response to input by said input user to provide via said interface analysis information regarding

said future care to allow informed choices of said electives to be made; receiving from said input user via said interface at least one election of at least one of said electives; providing said input user an identification instrument comprising a unique identification parameter corresponding to said participant; storing in a computer-readable registry end-of-life information and said unique identification parameter in the form of an information set corresponding to said participant, said end-of-life information comprising said received raw data and said at least one election; receiving a request from an output user identifying the occurrence of an anticipated state in said participant; verifying that said request includes said unique identification parameter; if so, generating an information product derivative of said information set comprising said participant's election corresponding to said incapacitated state, said information product being generated in a form that is enforceable in the jurisdiction from which said request was received; and communicating said information product to an output recipient", as recited in claims 175 and 199 above.

Claims 176-186 and 200-208 incorporate the features of claims 175 and 199 through their dependencies, and are also allowed for the same reasons given above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VANEL FRENEL whose telephone number is (571)272-6769. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571-272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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